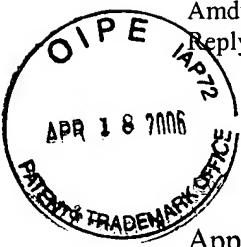


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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of Decmeber 15, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 10 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 14of this paper.

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